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PATTAYA
& CHON BURI

THE EXOTIC CITY FOR ALL EXPERIENCES





Chon Buri

Due to its excellent seaports, Chon Buri, just 80 kilometers southeast of Bangkok, has for generations served as a center for commercial and cultural exchange. Nowadays, it is becoming appreciated for its tourism potential, with its splendid beaches, crystal clear water, offshore islands, aquatic marine life, and unspoiled vistas. While inland, verdant forest lands and cascading waterfalls create a lush, tropical atmosphere.

Places to see

>> MUANG DISTRICT

ANG SILA OR ANG HIN is a fishing village about 5 kilometers away from Chon Buri. Ang Sila was formerly one of the oldest seaside resorts. The village is famous for its cottage industry, producing stone mortars and animal sculptures, like elephants, horses and tigers. Ang Sila also boasts a number of seafood restaurants. On the beach, one can find village shelling fresh oysters. A wide array of local handicraft is also available for sale to tourists.

BANG SAEN BEACH is a famous beach that has enjoyed lasting popularity. Approximately 13 kilometers from the city of Chon Buri, Bang Saen is ideal for visitors with limited time who wish to relax with their family and friends. There are also many hotels and bungalows offering overnight lodging.



KHAO SAM MUK is a small hill between Ang Sila village and Bang Saen Beach, along the beachside road from Ang Sila that winds up Sam Muk Hill. At the foot of the hill is Chao Mae Khao Sam Muk which is widely venerated by the public. The cliff overlooking the sea has become a tourist spot where legend has it that a couple tragically ended their lives together after



having vowed their eternal love for each other. The Sam Muk Hill area is inhabited by a large number of wild monkeys and beautiful cactuses garden.

THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE is situated on the campus of Burapha University. The institute, which covers an area of 30 rai, evolved from the Aquarium and Museum of Salt Water Animals through the financial assistance received from the Government of Japan. This institute aims to be the center of studies on marine science and consists of three parts: the Marine Science Museum, Marine Animal Rearing Center and Marine Research Laboratory.

Group visit: Groups and educational and government institutions who wish to visit the institute should make prior reservation by writing to the Director of the Institute of Marine Science, Burapha University, Muang District, Chon Buri 20131 or by telephone at 038-391671-3 or Fax 038-391674 everyday during office hours.

NONG MON MARKET is a famous market for Chon Buri's local handicraft and souvenirs. It is about 1 kilometer from the junction leading to Bang Saen. Among its well-known buys are different types of dried seafood, Khao Lam or glutinous rice baked in bamboo. Ho Mok (spicy

steamed fish cakes), Hoi Cho (deep fried shrimp cakes), sweetened-banana and taro chips, sweetened-fruit preserves, as well as rattan and bamboo basketware from Phanat Nikhom, a district known for its unique and intricate weaving techniques.

>> PHANAT NIKHOM

BASKETWARE VILLAGE is situated at Mu 1-11, Tambon Rai Lak Thong but it is mostly at Mu 10 in the vicinity of Wat Ko Kaeo Khlong Luang, about 4 kilometers from the district along the Phanat Nikhom-Chacheongsao Road and continuing right for a distance of another 4 kilometers.

Bamboo is woven into such

DISTRICT

objects as ladies's handbags, baskets, betelnut sets, etc. in various colors and designs. They can be purchased at stalls situated behind the Municipal Daily Market (Talat Kao).

Phanat Nikhom is well-known for its Chinese banquets. Numerous restaurants offer the service of arranging Chinese dinner tables for every sort of occasion.

>> SI RACHA DISTRICT

KO LOI SI RACHA is on Thetsaban Road, Tambon Si Racha, north of Si Racha market. Ko Loi is a tiny island close to Si Racha Beach, linked to the land by a bridge. On the island is a public park and a Sea Turtle Garden, on lush grounds covering an area of around 3 rai. On the southern part is a small hill with a temple on it. The island is a superb place for relaxation where one can enjoy the natural atmosphere and breathe the fresh sea air while appreciating the scenic view. There is also a pier from which one can board a boat to Ko Sichang as well.

KHAO KHEOW OPEN ZOO is operated by Dusit Zoo Authority

(Khao Din Wana) in Bangkok and has a large number of animals such as deers, bulls, monkey, gibbons, hippopotami, bears, kangaroos, banteng, elephants, and peacock, etc. Visitors can stroll around the grounds and observe the animals closely. There is also a large aviary with hundreds of varieties of birds covering as area of around 5 rai



that visitors can also enter for close viewing. Information call 038-298187-8.

CHAN TA THEN WATERFALL is Chon Buri's only waterfall. It follows the same route leading to Khao Kheow Open Zoo.

Chan Ta Then Waterfall has 5 levels in height with a total distance of 1 kilometer. The best time to visit there is right after the end of the rainy season whereas in dry season water may be less abundant but visitors are able to trek up and down the rocks. The waterfall station offers camping and activities for youths who are interested in learning more about nature and wildlife.

SRIRACHA TIGER ZOO has Thailand's largest number of Bengal tigers, bred successfully by the zoo itself. There is also a large number of other animals such as crocodiles, ostriches, single humpcamels, kangaroos,

and an aviary of exotic birds. Information call 038-296556-8 or fax 038-296559.

SAITHIP BUTTERFLY GARDEN is located on Bang Phra-Khao Khiao Rd. with an area of 38 rai. The objective is to build the butterfly garden as the biggest such place in Asia and to study and research the scientific, environmental and ecological sides of butterfly. This is in line with the Education Reformation Policy of the government that supports outdoor study techniques. At present, Saithip Butterfly Garden is able to breed 42 Thai species and has more than 5,000 butterflies.

The butterfly garden is divided into 3 major parts: flower garden, butterfly garden, and orchid garden with a large waterfall and beverage kiosk. Information call 038-298329-30, 038-263016-8.

>> SI CHANG DISTRICT

KO SICHANG is a large island in the middle of the sea about 12 kilometers from the Si Racha shore. It attracts visitors because of its beautiful natural surroundings, tranquil atmosphere and fresh air that have made the island popular. Around the island is a narrow road, only 1 meter in width, wide enough only for a motorized tricycle.

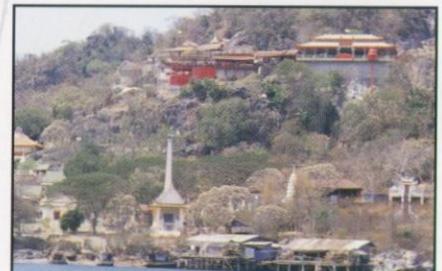
ATTRACTONS ON KO SI CHANG

CHONG KHAO KHAT

CHINESE PAVILION

CHAKRAPHONG CAVE

CHAO PHO KHAO YAI CAVE



THE OLD PALACE GROUNDS

Travelling to Ko Si Chang can be done by a ferry which operates daily from Si Racha. Crossings are made every two hours, starting from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Ferries leave from Ko Loi Pier or Choem Chomphon Pier (Tha Jarin) within Si Racha town.

>> BO THONG DISTRICT

"Walk through the jungle, visit a cave, or swim at the Khao Cha-Ang waterfall"

KHAO CHA-ANG is a stone mountain situated in the middle of a plain in Bo Thong District. It has gold, minerals and semi-precious stones and is approximately 30 km. away from the district center. Khao Cha-Ang also features a cave; home of over one hundred thousand fruit bats and 5 levels of Khao Cha-Ang features the natural wonders of stalactites and stalagmites.

Khao Cha-Ang is also a religious place where monks can observe Buddhist principles, known as the Dharma. The mountain caves are

classified as the Water Cave, Bat Cave, Laplae Cave, and the Dragon Cave. After visiting all these caves tourists can continue to the Ang Phak Nam waterfall.

ANG PHAK NAM WATERFALL is a big 5-level waterfall situated on the Khao Yai range. Visitors can walk along the 1.5-kilometer path through the forest to reach the waterfall. On the way, visitors can stroll and relax amid the fresh forest atmosphere and look out for evidence of wild animals, and many kinds of birds. Tourists can contact local guides, or ask for more information about facilities at Phluang Thong Branch Office at tel. 038-712167.

Pattaya

and scuba diving anywhere in Asia.

Theme and amusement parks, offbeat museums and lush botanical gardens offer numerous forms of leisure activity and cultural entertainment for all family members.

At night, Pattaya offers all the allure and magic of a truly vibrant nightlife with a spectacular variety of restaurants, nightclubs, bars, discotheques, cocktail lounges, and cabarets.

Pattaya can be brash, bold, beautiful, and bucolic, and offers everything to everyone.

Pattaya is 147 kilometers southeast of Bangkok, and faces the Gulf of Thailand. Pattaya is Asia's premier beach resort, and caters with equal appeal to families, couples and single visitors.

Pattaya's relaxing tropical ambience is synonymous with every ingredient for memorable holidays.

Accommodation ranges from luxuriously appointed hotels with superb convention facilities to simple guesthouses.

Sporting opportunities abound both on land and water, and include some of the finest golfing, game fishing,



Transportation

Pattaya can be reached in a comfortable 2.5-hour drive along Sukhumvit Highway via Bang Pakong. Pattaya is also accessible via State Highway No. 36 (new route - Chon Buri - Pattaya - Rayong).

Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned coaches regularly leave from the Eastern Bus Terminal (Ekamai) and Northern Bus Terminal (Mo Chit) on Phahonyothin Road (all day).

Departure times and fares may be obtained by calling the Eastern Bus Terminal 02-3919829 for air-

conditioned coaches and 02-3912504 for regular coaches and the Northern Bus Terminal's number is 02-2794484-7 for air-conditioned coaches.

The State Railways of Thailand offers daily service departing Bangkok Railway Station at 7.00 a.m., tel 02-2237010, 2237020.

Thai Airways International operates an air-conditioned limousine service between Bangkok International Airport and Pattaya. Reservations in Pattaya can be made by calling 038 423140-1.

Tourist Attractions In Pattay

THE KO LAN group of islands is comprised of Ko Lan, Ko Khrok and Ko Sak, the largest being Ko Lan.

KO LAN is situated on the west of Pattaya Strait, about 7.7 kilometers from the shore. There are beautiful beaches, clear water and an abundance of coral. Visitors can observe the coral either from a glass-bottomed boat or by diving directly. A well-known beach is Ta Waen Beach, in the northern part of the island. There are also Laem Thian Beach and Samae Beach on the southwestern side. On the southern part is Nuan Beach. On this beach is a hotel which accommodates a large number of tourists. This is another good place for viewing coral reef. Popular activities on Ko Lan include swimming, coral viewing, parasailing, water skiing, water scooter riding, etc.

KO KHROK is approximately 8 kilometers from the shore. The island comprises mostly rocks. This is an ideal place for coral viewing.

KO SAK is 600 meters away from Ko Lan. Ko Sak is another small island. Its shape is like a horseshoe. The coral is found in front of the beach. Snorkelling is also possible in this vicinity.

KO PHAI group of islands is comprised of Ko Phai, Ko Man Wichai, Ko Luam, Ko Klung Badan, etc., with Ko Phai being the largest island. They are presently under the supervision of the Royal Thai Navy. The Ko Phai group of islands is about 13 kilometers from Pattaya and it takes 2 hours to get to the top of the hill on Ko Phai. Visitors can enjoy relaxing, swimming, fishing, and a host of fun activities.



PATTAYA BEACH is about 4 kilometers long. The beach faces Pattaya Bay, the major venue from where boats visit Pattaya's offshore islands. The beach curves from north to south and is largely paralleled by a tree promenade and a beach road which is lined in the northern and central part by hotels and restaurants.

The northern part of the beach is largely tranquil, while the central and southern parts become increasingly lively, thanks to a juxtaposition of shops, department stores, boutiques, beauty salons, supermarkets, bars, discotheques, restaurants, and nightclubs.

In the central part is a major shopping area, while the end of southern is one of Pattaya's major nightlife areas.

JOMTIEN BEACH is a 6-kilometer long, largely straight beach, some 4 kilometers south of Pattaya. It is the most notable of several beaches and resorts. The beach is popular with windsurfers and water sports enthusiasts, because the area enjoys brisk and fresh breezes sweeping inland from the Gulf of Thailand, and also the sea is less congested area with beachside

hotels, bungalow complexes, condominiums, and restaurants.

KHAO PATTAYA (KHAO PHRA BAT) is a small hill with an asphalt road leading to the top. From its peak, one has a panoramic view of Pattaya City and Pattaya Bay. Currently, Khao Pattaya has been developed and is now the site of the Naval So Tho Ro radio station. A sacred Buddha image is also enshrined on the hilltop.



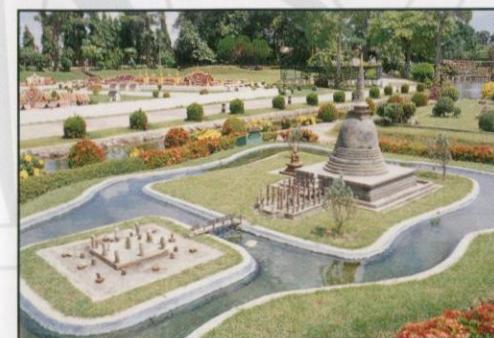
SUAN CHALOEM PHRA KIAT (FITNESS PARK) is at the foot of Pattaya hill on Phra Tamnak Road. This small park covers an area of 15 rai and was dedicated to commemorate His Majesty the King's sixtieth birthday on December 5, 1988. The gardens of the park boast a wide variety of flowering plants. There are also multi-purpose grounds



and winding trails for walking or jogging and standard exercise facilities. On any given day, a large number of people will relax, jog, exercise or simply enjoy the scenery of Pattaya in this park.

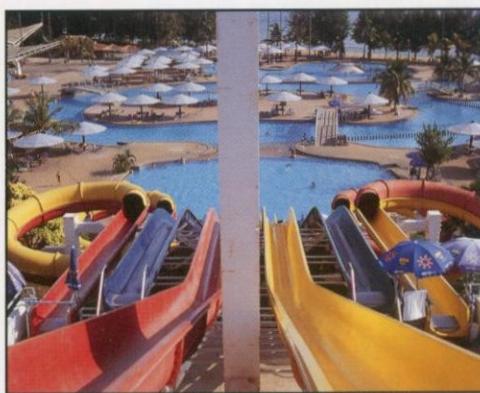


MINI SIAM is a miniature city with replicas of 80 sacred places and important historical sites around Thailand and the world at a scale of 1:25. Replicas of places of world significance are also displayed in the "miniworld" area such as the Eiffel Tower, the Statue of Liberty, Tower Bridge, and Trevi Fountain. There is also a Mini Race Course (go-karts) for visitors wishing to try their hand at racing fast cars. Information call 038-421628, 424232 or fax 038-421555.



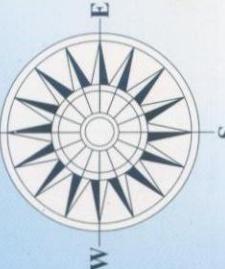
ELEPHANT VILLAGE is a popular tourist spot for Thais and foreigners alike. Daily performances by elephants and wild elephant round-up shows are held at 2.30 p.m. Elephant jungle rides are also available. Information call 038-428645-6, 428516.

PATTAYA WATER PARK is on Thap Phraya Road, at the top of Jomtien Beach, covering an area around 32 acres. Pattaya Park offers an amusement park, a jacuzzi and a gigantic slide. It is an ideal outlet for family relaxation. Information call 038-251201-8.

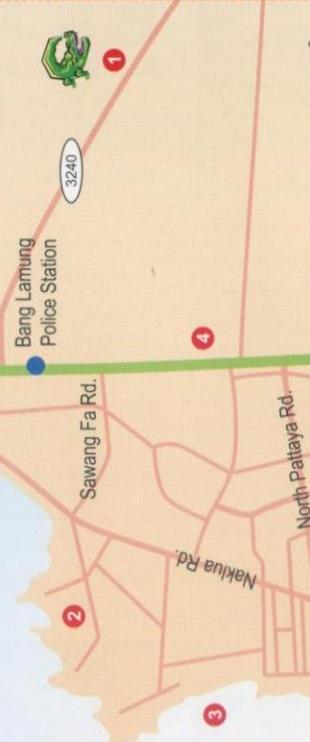


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To Chon Buri



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Pattaya Bay



1. The Million Years Stone Park
2. Sanctuary of Truth
3. Wong Phra Chan Beach
4. Mini Siam
5. Elephant Village
6. Three Kingdoms Theme Park
7. The Horseshoe Point
8. Siriporn Orchid
9. Bottle Art Museum
10. Tiffany's Show
11. Altazar Show
12. Ripley's Believe It Or Not
13. Khao Pataya
14. Suan Chaloem Phra Kiat
15. TAT Pattaya (Tourist Information)
16. Pattaya Kart Speedway
17. Paintball & Bungee Jump
18. Pattaya Water Park
19. Underwater World Pattaya
20. Jungle Bungee Jump
21. Lakeland Water Cable Ski
22. Wat Yan Sangwararam
23. Khao Chi-Chan Sculptural Image
24. Nongnooch Tropical Garden
25. Ko Lan
26. Ko Khrak
27. Ko Sak
28. Ko Phai

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

1. Police Emergency **191**
2. Tourist Police **1155**
3. Directory Assistance **1133**
4. Overseas Operator Assistance **100**
5. Time Service **181**
6. Traffic Report **1137**
7. Thai Airways 24 Hours Phone **1566**



USEFUL NUMBERS

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| TAT Pattaya Office Thailand | Tel. 0 3842 8750, 0 3842 9113 | Bang Lamung Post Office | Tel. 0 3842 8725 |
| Pattaya Police Station | Tel. 0 3842 0802-5 | Telephone Exchange Office | Tel. 0 3842 4045-6 |
| Bang Lamung Police Station | Tel. 0 3822 1800-1 | Telecommunications Centre | Tel. 0 3842 5319-20 |
| Pattaya Tourist Police | Tel. 0 3842 9371, 0 3842 5937 | Bangkok-Pattaya Hospital | Tel. 0 3842 7777 |
| Immigration Office | Tel. 0 3842 9409 | Pattaya Memorial Hospital | Tel. 0 3842 9422-4 |
| Fire Brigade Station | Tel. 0 3822 1000 (199) | Pattaya International Hospital | Tel. 0 3842 8374-5 |
| Pattaya City Hall | Tel. 0 3842 9405, 0 3841 0200 | Bang Lamung Hospital | Tel. 0 3842 9244 |
| Bus Station to Bangkok | Tel. 0 3842 9877 | Weather Forecast Station | Tel. 0 3825 0590 |
| Pattaya Post Office | Tel. 0 3842 9341 | Thai Airways International Office | Tel. 0 3842 0994-8 |

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To Sattahip Rayong



THE MILLION YEARS STONE PARK AND PATTAYA CROCODILE FARM is another popular tourist attraction. Covering an area of almost 100 rai, the park comprises a rock garden and a botanical area of rare plants and beautiful landscape. Interesting sights include fossilized plants over a million years in age, Thai-style bonsai which are over 200 years old, crocodile pools, and a collection of animals such as albino bears, elephants and horses. Crocodile round-ups, magic and animal performances are also major attractions. Information call (038) 249347-9 or Bangkok office call 02-5794008, 5795033.

BHIRA INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT RACECOURSE is an international car and motorcycle racecourse, covering an area of 326 rai. It is situated on State Highway



No. 36 (Pattaya-Rayong), about 15 kilometers away from Pattaya City. Races take place regularly on Saturdays and Sundays. Information call 01-321616 or in Bangkok at 02- 5877448, 2533970.



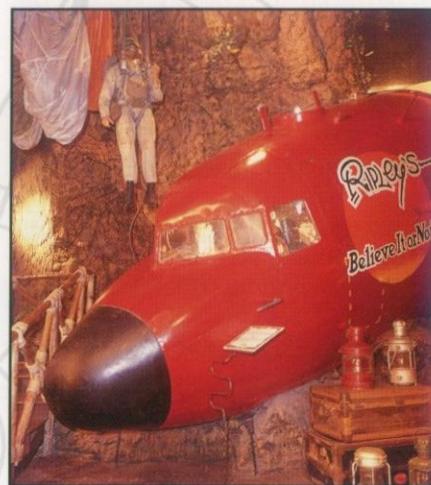
MINIATURE RACETRACK is at the Pattaya Kart Speedway. It has been allotted tracks for professional and amateur drivers. Contact 038-422044 Fax. 038-422041.

LAKELAND WATER CABLE SKI is another venue for amusement and recreational sport that Pattaya has to offer. It comprises an enormous freshwater lake, 27 rai in area with cable skis. This sport is becoming very popular. Contact 038-232690-2.



THE BOTTLE ART MUSEUM consists of more than 300 artwork collections, which are contained in

glass bottles in the form of well-known tourist attractions, churches, temples, palaces, ships both Thai and foreign. These creations result from the tireless efforts of Dutch sculptor, Mr. Peter Bedelais who crafted the various intricate parts and assembled them in different shapes of glass bottles. Information call 038-422957.



RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT MUSEUM is a display of Mr. Ripley's collection of curious objects from around the world. Some of them are the actual items, others are replicas. These extraordinary objects are divided into over 250 categories, such as optical illusions, peculiar lifestyles of unusual people and devices of human torture from ancient times, etc. Information call 038-710294-8.

THE SANCTUARY OF TRUTH is a beautiful creation of philosophy and religion thoughts, that is communicated through a work of art. On the seashore of Rachwet Cape, Pattaya lies a construction



which is called "The Sanctuary of Truth," an imposing structure reaching into the sky amid many modern buildings. It proudly shows the knowledge of ancient Thai art by present-day artists. For more information call 038-225407, 367229.

THE HORSESHOE POINT is a gathering place for people from all over the world. This is a place where riders can simply relax with their family and their friends or join many activities offered by the resort and take in the tranquility of nature and the great outdoors. At the Horseshoe Point, riders have an opportunity to enjoy horseriding at all levels, starting from the basics to the challenging stages. This includes riding in the ring, dressage, the race-track, and the adrenaline rush of jumping through the cross country course. It also offers an international standard polo field for new horse enthusiasts. For more detail call 01-3413090, 01-3413091 fax 01-6437999

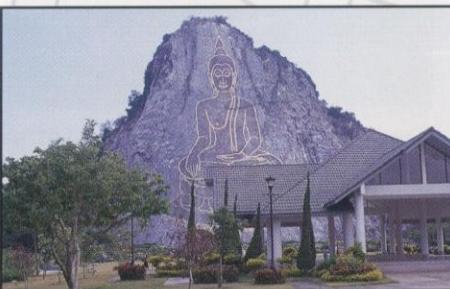


THREE KINGDOMS THEME PARK is a testament of piety that the six children have for their father, Mr. Kiarti Sriefuengfung, a successful Chinese-Thai businessman. His last wish was for a memorial to be built that would allow others to understand and appreciate aspects of Buddhism, Thai and Chinese culture and philosophy, and his favorite Chinese epic - the Romance of The Three Kingdoms, compiled by Luo Guan Zhong of the Ming Dynasty. It remains the greatest and best known Chinese classical novel. It features Holy Remains of the Lord Buddha, The Goddess of Mercy, Kuen Yin sculpted from white marble of China, Jiangxi figures depicting the main characters of Three Kingdoms

epic, the world's longest corridor of hand-painted tiles, and oil painting portraying 16 scenes from the life of Kong Ming, etc. Information call 038-421428-29.

UNDERWATER WORLD PATTAYA is a place that visitors are taken on a voyage to the bottom of the sea without getting wet. Underwater World features 100 meter-long tunnels with acrylic windows. Tunnels are divided to 3 zones: Coral Reef tank, Shark and Ray tank and Shipwrecks tank. Information call 038-756879.

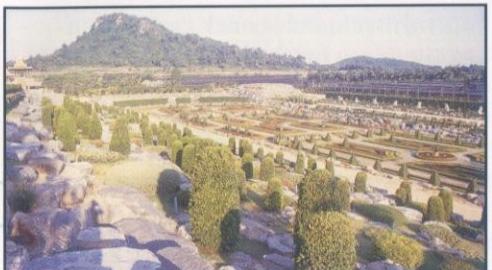
OPEN EYES SHOW is a great experience offering magic and Spy Zone. Situated on 2nd floor Pattaya Bazaar Tel. 038-362077-80



sitting figure called Pang Man Wichai and copied from Phra Phutthawarachabopit which combines both Sukhothai and Lanna arts. The image is 109 meters in height and 70 meters in width, the throne is 21 meters in height, the total height is 130 meters and the figure is named Phra Phuttamaha Wachirauttamat Satsada that means the Buddha who has brightness and sublimity like Mahawachira. There are many kinds of plant surrounding and huts for the visitors



KHAO CHI CHAN features a sculptural image erected to honor His Majesty King Bhumibol on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his enthronement. The image is a



NONGNOOCH TROPICAL GARDEN is a tourist attraction amidst natural surroundings, covering an area of around 1,300 rai. Nongnooch Village has orchids and gardens with flowering plants, mangoes, orchids, cacti, and other types of flora. Thai-style teakwood houses are available for rent. There are also a zoo and Thai Cultural Center. It has shows of Thai performances, martial arts, folk sports, and performances by elephants. Information call 038-429321, 422958, 709358-62 or Bangkok 02- 2521786.

SAI KAEAO BEACH is a long white beach approximately 1,700 meters in length and situated in the Chumpol Sattahip Naval School. The sand is very beautiful and the surrounding scenery is perfectly natural. The beach is a protected tourist locale, and does not allow any private access to the beach. Visitors must travel around with beach car service. The beach provides tents, rooms and bungalows, including water sports accessories and kayak availability. For more information please contact the Chumpol Naval School at Tel. 038-436187 ext. 2201-2.

DONG TAN BAY has a nice

beach with a palmyra palm tree line curving along Sattahip Bay, starting from the Sattahip District to the Naval Operations Department. It has a shaded beach, which is nice for relaxation and sailing. The Sattahip Naval Club is opened to members and the public who are interested.

KO KHAM UNDERSEA is a small island situated in the south of Sattahip District approximately 9 kilometers from land, and 45 minutes by boat. It has an approximate area of 61 rai under the responsibility of the Naval Coast Guard. The northern part of the island is suitable for swimming and water sports activities, while the southern part of the island is full of coral and aquatic animals. Tourists can take the boat to Kham Island from Sattahip harbor market, or the Samaesan Fishing Port, or tel. 038-432 170.



THIAN THALE BEACH is a new tourist location inside the Navy's Surface to Air and Coast Department General Headquarters. Thian Thale Beach is a sand beach dotted with small knolls, and is approximately 900 meters long. It has a fantastic scenery from the beach, cliffs in different shapes and offers an opportunity to view beautiful sunsets. It also has a marine research center, kayaks for

rent, and restaurant for tourists. For more information please contact tel. 038-245735-60, ext. 066-6176.

NANG RAM BEACH is on the way to Sattahip deep sea port. The beach is 200 meters long and surrounded by pine trees and frangipanis. It is great for relaxation and picnics. There are also many restaurants around the beach.

TOEI NGAM BEACH is a tourist locale under the Thai Marines Headquarters' responsibility. It is a

natural secluded beach and is a favorite place for families. The island of "Ko Kai Tia" can be seen from the shore and visitors can walk to this island during low tide. Besides a nice beach, visitors can also see the Marine Museum, and the Marine Monument to remind everyone to be proud of the past. The entrance is next to Sing Samut School. More information please contact tel. 038-334188 or 02-4757380 ext. 062-6509

Major Events

WAN LAI FESTIVAL

is linked to the high temperature of Thailand as it intensifies once the month of April comes. The festival is usually held on the 13th, 14th and 15th of April while in the east there is a difference as the water throwing activities commence on the 16th or 17th, 18th or 19th known as "Wan Lai" (Flowing Day).

Pattaya City hold its Wan Lai festival annually on April 19th with activities such as water pouring for the elders, processions and fun of throwing one another with water, a time for thais and foreigners alike.



PATTAYA FESTIVAL

is usually held in the third week of November to promote tourism and Pattaya's positive image. Floral floats are paraded along the streets. The Miss Pattaya beauty contest is held as well as traditional and aquatic sports competitions and construction of sand castles. A spectacular fireworks display takes place on the beach and fire crackers are also set off. Simultaneously, there are arts and cultural performances, exhibitions and souvenirs for sale.



Ancestor's Spirit Ceremony is based on an old custom of the people of Chon Buri but only practiced now in Si Racha. It is held every year between April 19-21. Activities comprise a parade by the elderly and personnel from different government agencies, dressed in traditional folk costumes, ceremonies for the appeasement of the spirits, demonstration of Kong Khao or sticky rice packing, folk games demonstration, and sales of local cuisine and delicacies.

Bun Klang Ban and Phanat Nikhom basket festival

is a festival that dates back several years and usually takes place during the 3rd to the 6th month of the Thai lunar calendar. An elder or respected villager determines a day for merit-making and ridding of bad luck for the well-being of people. The

religious ceremonies are followed by the sharing of meals and performances of folk games.

Chon Buri Buffalo Racing

(Wing Khwai Festival) is an age-old tradition in Chon Buri province held annually on the 14th full moon night of 11th lunar month which falls in October. On the day of the festival, farmers will drape their buffalos attractively with multicoloured satin cloths, and gather on the lawns of the Provincial Hall. Buffalos are entered in buffalo races, and health plus best-decorated competitions.



Sporting Opportunities

Numerous sporting opportunities include participant and spectator sports on land and water. Major land sports are golf, tennis, go-karts, squash, badminton, bowling, jogging, motor-racing, and horseriding. Popular water sports are windsurfing, sailing, water skiing, snorkelling, and scuba diving. Opportunities for less easily definable activities, including bungee jumping and parasailing, are also available.



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